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Component Formed Thereby  
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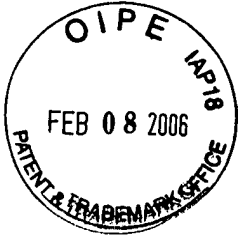
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AND SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENT FORMED THEREBY

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2005 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22, and 23 remain in the subject patent application. Claims 1 and 20 are amended and claims 3 and 21 are canceled herein.